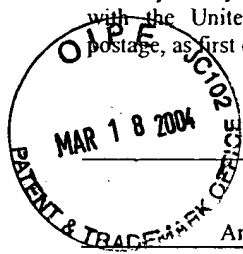


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For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
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AND MANAGING A COMPETITIVE  
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action dated August 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.